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To the Land of the Eagle

000 evening after one of the most delightful walks that could ever fall to one's lot.

177 Ginger-beer is a survival from the time of the British administration which ended more than sixty years ago. The Victorian habit of closing all windows at night—night air being considered poisonous—is another. At sunset all the windows at the Pension Suisse were religiously closed and shuttered, including those of my bedroom which, as the weather was quite warm, I promptly opened again, and kept open. A more satisfactory legacy from the British occupation is the game of cricket, which is popular to this day.

132 There are only two months in the year in which the weather is really hot, and only two of so-called winter. Bathing is possible from April to November. At the beginning of May I found the water quite warm, although the Corfiotes think it madness to venture in before July.

512 In the summer the inhabitants close their shops and places of business during the middle of the day. But at five in the afternoon the town wakes up again and the whole population turns out into the cafés, the squares, the streets, and the esplanade. Here the folk stroll about, or sit at tables under the trees drinking coffee or Greek brandy, until ten or eleven o'clock at night when they go home to supper.

[533] They are fond of dancing. In the dance season they dance for many nights in succession, and no dance breaks up until

545 seven or eight in the morning. They have also a theatre to which a company from Athens or Rome occasionally comes. On these nights the play begins at what is

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optimistically called on the bills " 9.30 exact ", which means about 10.15, and continues, with long intervals between the scenes, until towards 2 a.m. Before the outrage (or, in diplomatic language, " incident ") a certain Italian opera

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company used to come regularly to Corfu and play to crowded houses. It has been once since—and only once. . . . The theatre was empty.

The Italians are, indeed, exceedingly unpopular in Corfu, and it will be a long time before the natural resentment felt